

1 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
12 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
13 AT SEATTLE
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16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
17 Plaintiff,
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19 v.
20 JESUS GARNICA-MELGOZA,
21 Defendant.
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23 No. CR20-197 RAJ
24 ORDER
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26 THE COURT has considered the joint motion to proceed with guilty plea by video
27 or telephonic hearing, along with all the records and files in this case and the General
28 Orders currently in effect.

THE COURT FINDS that the circumstances are as set forth in the parties' motion
and that a video or telephonic guilty plea hearing may take place as soon as practical,
because further delays in this case would cause "serious harm to the interests of justice,"
see General Order No. 04-20 (extended by General Order 16-21), for the reasons set forth
in the parties' joint motion. Accordingly,

THE COURT ORDERS that the motion (Dkt. 262) is GRANTED. The parties
may proceed with a plea hearing by telephone and/or video conference, consistent with

1 current procedures established by this Court, and directs the parties to consult with one
2 another and the Court to schedule such a hearing at a mutually acceptable date and time.

3 DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.

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10 United States District Judge
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